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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HEATING GAS FROM A THIN LAYER OF

NUCLEAR FUEL, AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

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NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002 for three months from January 16, 2003 to April 16, 2003. On February 14, 2003, Applicant submitted a one-month request for extension of time and paid the prescribed fee of \$110.00. Accordingly, Applicant now believes that a fee in the amount of \$820.00 is due.

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		Second Month	\$410.00
	X	Third Month	\$930.00
		Fourth Month	\$1,450.00
		Fifth Month	\$1,970.00
		Subtotal	\$930.00
		Previously Submitted	<u>-\$110.00</u>
		TOTAL DUE	\$820.00

A check has been submitted herewith to include the aforementioned fees payable to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Please charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account No. 18-2284 of Piper Rudnick. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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